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SUBJECT: UK CONTRIBUTION TO UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE
CONTROL (UNFDAC)

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SUMMARY. EC MIN CALLED ON MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN
AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS DAVID ENNALS DECEMBER 18 TO
STRONGLY URGE THAT HMG REINSTITUTE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO
UNFDAC. ENNALS EXPRESSED HIS GREAT PERSONAL INTEREST
IN NARCOTICS CONTROL, EMPHASIZED CONTRIBUTIONS STOPPED
IN FY75 PURELY FOR BUDGETARY REASONS, AND SAID HE WILL
URGE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT (ODM) TO CON-
TRIBUTE NEXT YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. EC MIN CALLED ON ENNALS TO STRONGLY URGE THAT
HMG REINSTITUTE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC. HE ALSO
PROVIDED HIM WITH COPIES OF THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL DRUG
ABUSE TASK FORCE'S WHITE PAPER ON DRUG ABUSE. HE
EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE THE PRESIDENT PLACES ON THE
REPORT AND ON THE INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS CON-
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TAINED IN IT, PARTICULARLY AS RELATED TO UNFDAC.

2. IN RESPONSE, ENNALS DESCRIBED HIS LONG-STANDING PERSONAL INTEREST IN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, DATING FROM HIS DAYS IN THE HOME OFFICE WHERE HE WAS INVOLVED IN DRAFTING THE 1971 MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT. HE FEELS THE UK HAS BEEN REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL IN DEALING WITH HARD DRUGS SINCE PASSAGE OF THE ACT AND CITED STABILIZATION OF HEROIN ADDICTION AS AN EXAMPLE. ON UNFDAC, HE EMPHASIZED THAT DECISION TO END CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUND WAS BASED ON PURELY BUDGETARY GROUNDS. SINCE THE DECISION WAS TAKEN, THE FCO HAS ATTEMPTED TO GENERATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE HOME OFFICE AND ODM. UNFORTUNATELY, THE HOME OFFICE IS ALSO EXPERIENCING BUDGET CUTS. FCO IS CONTINUING, HOWEVER, TO URGE ODM CONTRIBUTION AS, IN ENNALS' WORDS, "THE FCO APPRECIATES THE USEFULNESS OF THE FUND'S WORK." ENNALS WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT CHANCES OF CONTRIBUTION BEING MADE AT PREVIOUS LEVEL OF 50,000 POUNDS A YEAR ARE NEGLIGIBLE. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT, WHILE HE DID NOT WISH TO BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC, HE WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO GAIN SOMETHING FOR THE FUND FROM THE AID BUDGET EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A RELATIVELY SMALL SUM. UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DE BUES PLANS TO VISIT ODM MINISTER OF STATE, JOHN GRANT, IN JANUARY. ENNALS HAS PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST TO INFLUENCE MDM IN FUND'S FAVOR PRIOR TO DE BUES' VISIT.

3. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH ENNALS THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC THAT ODM WILL AGREE TO PROVIDE CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC FROM ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BUDGET. WE WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH ODM, EMPHASIZING THE DEVELOPMENTAL ASPECTS OF THE FUND. ANY MATERIAL DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE BEYOND REFTELS A, B AND C ON THE DEVELOPMENTAL ASPECT OF FUND COULD BE USEFUL IN OUR EFFORTS TO SWAY ODM THINKING ON THIS ISSUE.

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